

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. August 21, 2023
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

Tom VanSyckle X Amy Snyder X Mary Karcher X Ethan McNeal X Lee Carte X
Others in attendance: Dee Powell, Adam Philipp, Jason Stadtfeld, Jeanette Aldrich,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that everything is running smoothly in the township. Gerber was here and did the storm drains work in the alley behind the bar/drugstore and it looks very nice. There is another storm drain down by the park that Tom believes is the County's responsibility. Mecosta County Drain Commission has been contacted. We have hired Kevin Sellers as our seasonal help and all lights in the township hall have been switched out to LED by John and Kevin.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the July 17, 2023 Board Meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- July 17, 2023

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for July 2023 by Lee Carte, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - July 2023

LEPRINO REPORT: Adam Philipp, Leprino's New Licensed Person at the Waste Water Treatment Plant introduced himself to the board. Adam reported that the phone system is working on and off. Leprino's will be working with the township to figure out a better phone line system for the WWTP. Adam also reported that they are working on the Clarifying Project and Leprino will be funding this project completely which consist of resealing the outside boundary of the clarifying unit.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported that everything is running smoothly and the dept. has had 192 calls to date. The Fire Dept. will be doing a Fund Raiser out at Wheatland Music Organization, preparing a meal & serving the Volunteers who will be working the Festival this year.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Aldrich reported that the snow rails have been installed on the library roof and that Troy Graham was here in July and they really enjoyed his presentation. They had a smaller crowd then they hoped for and will be having him back in late winter/early spring and are hoping to draw more people.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and wanted to follow up on what Summit quoted for the stove/hood being installed at the park pavilion. The job will cost at least \$100,000. Supervisor VanSyckle contacted Building & Zoning and the Health Department and discussed why the project would cost so much. Installing a stove is the deciding factor if a kitchen has to be licensed. Dee also asked about the M-Dot Correspondence with putting electronic speed limit signs up when coming into Remus. Supervisor VanSyckle said that the DDA needed to write up a proposal and draw a map of where the

signs would be placed. Lee Carte reminded all of us that Mecosta County also has a sign ordinance that we needed to check into since we fall under Mecosta County's Building and Zoning. Tom will call Mecosta County building and Zoning and check into this ordinance. Dee also asked about the walking path and if it was staying in good shape after the woodchips were placed this summer. Tom said all was well except the hill where it washes out with heavy rains. The next DDA Meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Remus Tavern.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard reported that the Daughters of American Revolution Chapter in Mecosta County will be donating a Flag to Wheatland Township Fire Dept. during Constitution Week of the year. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Linda also asked about the Nichole's house across the street from the township as to when it is going to be demolished? Tom said it is going to court at this point. She also mentioned that there are several positions open at the county and the County Website would be the best place to see what is available. Linda also attended the County Road Commission Meeting and they were wondering why Wheatland Music Organization has not contacted them for the 3rd brine. WMO does not have a contract with the road commission and Tom was going to give them a call to set up the brining the week before the Wheatland Music Festival.

(3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

CORRESPONDENCE: NA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Consumer's Power Waste Water Treatment Plant:** The board looked at the savings from last year July 2022 to this year July 2023 and we will continue to watch to see what savings Consumers is giving us. They have said we could save up to \$40,000 a year.
- 2. Township Seasonal Help (Part time):** We have hired Kevin Sellers as our seasonal part time helper.
- 3. Civil War Statue (Morgan/West Wheatland Cemetery):** Mary Karcher attended the Cemetery walk at West Wheatland Morgan Cemetery yesterday, Aug. 20, 2023. The statue was on display and they thanked Wheatland Township for keeping the cemetery looking so nice and for cleaning out the area to walk back to the headstone in the woods.
- 4. Bi-Annual Sewer Cleaning:** After a discussion it was decided that we would hold off on this plan and monitor our sewer issues for a while.
- 5. Ballot Box Office & Park Security Camera Upgrade:** Clerk Mary Karcher explained that she ordered a new Ballot Box from the State as it is required now, and that the township would have to look at updating the camera data on for the camera on the ballot box in Jan. 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Wambold Cemetery Walkway Plots:** After a discussion about the walkway plots, Mary Karcher will contact Carl Moore to see if there is an issue that he could see on his part as well as come up with a numbering system for the new Walkway Plots.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Amy Snyder asked about the usage of the Electronic Signs at the softball games during Remus Heritage Days. The Volunteer help list was short and people were concerned about the equipment getting damaged and didn't want to be liable for it. (3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries, and meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. njhmj